

REMARKS

The examiner previously (Office Action mailed February 20, 2004) required election of either the apparatus claims or the method claims. Applicant elected the method Claims 7 and 8, withdrew Claims 1 through 6 from consideration and added Claims 9 and 10. The examiner considered claims 7, 8 and 10 only. Claims 1 through 6 and 9 have not been considered and examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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